

AMENDMENTS TO LB1076

Introduced by Health and Human Services

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following
2 new sections:

3 Section 1. Section 68-901, Revised Statutes Cumulative
4 Supplement, 2012, is amended to read:

5 68-901 Sections 68-901 to 68-974 and section 2 of this
6 act shall be known and may be cited as the Medical Assistance Act.

7 Sec. 2. (1) The Legislature finds that:

8 (a) The federal Patient Protection and Affordable
9 Care Act of 2010, Public Law 111-148, provides for medicaid
10 reimbursement for programs to permit disabled adults and the
11 elderly to continue living in their homes and not in long-term care
12 facilities;

13 (b) States may apply for federal funds to implement such
14 programs which are intended to enhance opportunities for living
15 in community-based settings rather than long-term care facilities,
16 improve systems' performance and efficiency, create tools to help
17 consumers with care planning and assessment, and improve quality
18 measurement and oversight; and

19 (c) A number of states are participating in such
20 programs, and when completed the results of the programs will
21 be available to all states.

22 (2) Effective January 1, 2014, for medicaid authorization
23 and payment for medically necessary home health care services,

1 there shall be no reduction in reimbursement rates and no changes
2 in limitation on services, including, but not limited to, more
3 than one home health visit in a day to provide skilled nursing
4 services, nursing services, and aide services until the State
5 Balancing Incentive Payments Program pursuant to section 10202 of
6 the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010,
7 as such section existed on January 1, 2014, has been completed by
8 the participating states and the Department of Health and Human
9 Services has reviewed the results of the program and assessed
10 and determined how Nebraska's provision of medicaid home health
11 services can be improved.

12 Sec. 3. This act becomes operative on January 1, 2014.

13 Sec. 4. Original section 68-901, Revised Statutes
14 Cumulative Supplement, 2012, is repealed.

15 Sec. 5. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect
16 when passed and approved according to law.